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29 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : HTAUTOMAT Photographic Evaluation Reports

REFERENCES : SAPC-19413, 10 October 1957
SAPC-20363, 16 October 1957

1. In response to your desire to have more prompt photographic evaluation reports from HTA for use by the Project I have discussed with HTA and [] changes which could be instituted which would meet your objective.

2. You may recall from my recent memorandum to [] that the community has been exceedingly pleased with the performance of Eastman Kodak in connection with recent missions. These results have been achieved in part because the original negative was left at Eastman until all requirements for reproduction had been completed. Among other advantages this has reduced the transference of the original back and forth between Eastman and Headquarters as had been the case earlier in certain instances.

3. A review of the details in making an evaluation report shows that it is imperative to use the original. HTA has come up with a proposal, satisfactory to [] which will permit a much earlier evaluation report without losing the advantage of speed in making reproduction for consumers. This proposal is as follows:

Upon receipt of the original Eastman would on a twenty-four hour basis make a work copy and three finished duplicate positives. The work copy, of course, would be dispatched to Washington normally as soon as completed. Two of the three duplicates would be then dispatched to HTA with the original negative, the two DP's going to the Air Force. Eastman will then be able to make from the DP retained three duplicate negatives (one for the Navy, one for HTA, [] and one print for HTA. Under this scheme the

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original would not have to be returned to Eastman. HDA would normally be able to turn out a FER within eight working hours.

4. Unless you object to the proposal set forth in paragraph three above, we will hereafter follow that procedure.



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